

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A travel product inventory and rate management system comprising:

a bulk inventory database containing inventory information, and a rate database containing ~~inventory and rate information, and a travel product information database containing travel product information, the information in each of the databases~~ related to a plurality of individual travel products provided by a plurality of travel product suppliers;

~~a component bundler, the component bundler selectively choosing at least two of the plurality of individual travel products supplied by a plurality of travel product suppliers and combining them into a vacation package in response to parameters or input from a vacation package seller;~~

wherein the inventory, travel product, and rate information contained in the bulk inventory, travel product information and rate databases includes rules ~~from~~ provided by the travel product suppliers regarding availability and pricing that permit the travel product inventory and rate management system to allocate inventory and determine pricing for individual travel products; and

an interface between the travel product inventory and rate management system and ~~the a~~ vacation ~~package product~~ product seller such that the vacation ~~package product~~ product seller is provided with the

ability to select and book an individual travel product or a vacation package combined by the a
component bundler.

2. (cancelled)

3. (cancelled)

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)

7. (cancelled)

8. (cancelled)

9. (currently amended) A method of managing an inventory of travel products
comprising the following steps:

providing a bulk inventory, travel product information, and rate databases as part of an
inventory and rate management system;

loading the bulk inventory, travel product information, and rate databases with inventory,
travel product, and rate information for a plurality of individual travel products provided by a
plurality of travel product suppliers;

selectively choosing and bundling at least two of the plurality of individual travel
products into a vacation package;

selecting the vacation package through an interface between a vacation package seller and
the inventory and rate management system; and

wherein the inventory, travel product, and rate information contained in the bulk
inventory and rate database includes rules from the travel product suppliers regarding availability

and pricing that permit the travel product inventory and rate management system to allocate inventory and determine pricing for individual travel products.

10. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of selectively choosing and bundling at least two of the plurality of individual travel products into a vacation package is performed by a dynamic component bundler at the time when the vacation package seller performs the step of selecting the vacation package.

11. (previously presented) The method of claim 9 wherein the step of selectively choosing and bundling at least two of the plurality of individual travel products into a vacation package is performed by a component bundler prior to the time when the vacation package seller performs the step of selecting the vacation package.

12. (cancelled)

13. (cancelled)

14. (cancelled)

15. (cancelled)

16. (currently amended) A method of distributing a vacation package to a vacation package seller comprising the following steps:

providing an inventory and rate management system including a bulk inventory, travel product information, and rate database, the bulk inventory, travel product information, and rate database containing inventory, travel product, and rate information related to a plurality of individual travel products supplied by a plurality of travel product suppliers;

combining at least two of the plurality of individual travel products supplied by a plurality of travel product suppliers into the vacation package;

selectively accessing the vacation package through an interface between a vacation package seller and the inventory and rate management system;

loading the bulk inventory and rate database with inventory, travel product, and rate information related to the travel products supplied by each of the plurality of travel product suppliers, wherein the inventory, travel product, and rate information contained in the bulk inventory and rate database includes rules from the travel product suppliers regarding availability and pricing that permit the travel product inventory and rate management system to allocate inventory and determine pricing for individual travel products; and

reserving the vacation package through the interface to the inventory and rate management system.

17. (cancelled)

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of compiling at least two of the plurality of individual travel products into a vacation package is performed by a dynamic component bundler at the time when the vacation package seller accesses the vacation package through the interface.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the step of compiling at least two of the plurality of individual travel products into a vacation package is performed by a component bundler prior to the time when the vacation package seller accesses the vacation package through the interface.

20. (cancelled)